

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please amend numbered paragraph 0014, as shown below:*

During reverse drive a clutch, located between the electric motor and gear elements of the geared transmission, is released to condition the powertrain for reverse drive operation. The engine then drives the generator to charge the battery through a power flow path that is isolated by the clutch from the reverse drive reaction torque. The direction of rotation of the motor armature is reversed at that time. In another embodiment, a clutch is used to establish a direct drive between the engine and the generator to isolate the power flow path from the reverse ~~torque~~ reaction torque.